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.30 will meet the first and third Tuesdays of every month. The first meeting of the month will be discussion-based, with topics to include health and wellness, disclosure, workplace issues, sexuality and dating.

The second meeting of the month will be social in nature and will include fun outings into the city such as movie nights, dinners, bars, clubs and other locations. This will give group members a chance to forge friendships and support that can be beneficial to them in the future, including reducing risk of HIV re-infection and putting others at risk of initial infection.

The next meeting will be held 7 p.m. Oct. 15 in Suite 300 at 620 S.W. Fifth Ave. Confidentiality is assured, and attendance is open to any gay or bi man between the ages of 18 and 30.

For more information call 503-223-5907, ext. 213, or e-mail pknowlton@cascadeaids.org.



Trev Broudy is recovering after spending nine days in a coma

EUGENE STUDENT COMES OUT IN A BIG WAY

A 21-year-old Eugene student celebrated National Coming Out Day with about 88,000 people by declaring his sexual orientation in the Oct. 15 issue of *The Advocate*.

"Coming out to some of my close friends at school has been the best thing I have ever done for myself," Scott Bonnell told the biweekly publication. "It is the most liberating feeling one could experience, deciding that you want to be open about your homosexuality. It makes you think, 'Why shouldn't I be?'"

College campuses throughout the state will mark the occasion with a series of events on and around Oct. 11:

- **Western Oregon University:** An information table will be on display from Oct. 9 to 11 in Monmouth. People will be able to register to vote, take a queer quiz, design a paper key in which to tell their story, attach it to a "closet," then have their picture taken "coming out." Also, Main Street will be lined with information and quotes. For details send e-mail to trianglealliance@hotmail.com.

- **Southern Oregon University:** Faculty, staff and students on the Ashland campus will speak at noon Oct. 11 in the Stevenson Union courtyard about issues facing people who come out. The movie *Big Eden* will be shown at 8 p.m. in Room 330 of Stevenson Union followed by a discussion. For details e-mail soulbgt@hotmail.com.

- **Lane Community College:** Music and speakers will be in the cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 11. The event also will feature tables for Mother Kali's Books, the HIV Alliance of Lane County, Basic Rights Oregon, the Eugene Public Library and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. For details e-mail qsa@lanecc.edu.

- **University of Oregon and Lane Community College:** The first-ever "Queer Prom 2002: The Night You Never Had in High School" will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight Oct. 12 in the Lower Ball Room at the Red Lion Inn, 205 Coburg Road, Eugene. Everyone 18 and older is welcome to come and have a great time dancing, hanging out, taking prom pictures and meeting new people. The cost is \$5 a person, \$8 a couple. Gary's Tux Shop and the hotel are offering special rates. For details e-mail qsa@lanecc.edu.

- **Portland State University:** "Loud and Proud," an evening of dancing to great disc jockeys and fun, will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight Oct. 12 in Room 26 of Smith Memorial Center. For details e-mail qa@pdx.edu.

FORMER EUGENE ACTOR ATTACKED IN WEST HOLLYWOOD

A gay man who spent two years at University of Oregon's acting program was brutally attacked in an apparent hate crime Sept. 2 in West Hollywood, Calif.

Trev Broudy, 33, remained in a coma for nine days but now is in stable condition at Cedars-Sinai Hospital. He appeared in Eugene campus productions of *True West*, *The Real Thing*, *Heaven Can Wait* and *A Black Comedy*.

Broudy was found lying unconscious on the sidewalk after two men wielding a baseball bat and a pipe assaulted him. According to police, he was hugging a friend goodbye when two men jumped him from behind. His friend escaped serious injury.

Broudy worked as a model in the Los Angeles area and appeared in several industrial films before landing a small role as a television reporter in 2001's *The Fluffer*. Directors Richard Glatzer and Wash West issued a joint statement after visiting him in the hospital Sept. 29.

"A situation like this reveals a person's raw ingredients, and Trev's are the finest," they said. "He is one of the most loving, charismatic, smart, funny people you could ever meet. And happily for his family, his friends and the world, he is indestructible."

Broudy's mother, Joy Vernor, told reporters she was finding it difficult to come to terms with the attack. "I can't imagine this happening to Trev because he is the least violent person."

Broudy's attack was the first in a string of three vicious hate crimes that rocked the heavily gay city last month. Police believe the incidents are related.

Three men have been taken into custody in connection with the attacks, authorities said Oct. 1: Larry Walker, 29, and Vincent Dotsun, 18, were charged with assault with a deadly weapon, attempted robbery and the commission of a hate crime. They are both awaiting arraignment and are being held on \$130,000 bail. The third suspect was in custody but had not been charged as of early Oct. 2.

"We are so incredibly relieved there may be some justice for Trev," friend Dave Walsh told PlanetOut.com. "The whole community has been in a state of fear. We have the ability to take our own community back."

EUGENE COUNCIL OKS AMENDMENTS

The Eugene City Council unanimously supported several human rights code amend-